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In re Application of

MIYAKOSHI et al. : DECISION ON

Application No.: 10/587,949

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For: COLLOIDAL METAL-CONTAINING URUSHI LACQUER AND URUSHI LACQUERED ARTICLE

This is a decision on the "RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PAPERS UNDER 37 CFR 1.42 AND RENEWED SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.42" filed by applicants on 29 May 2007, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration of the inventors.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 08 February 2005, applicants filed international application PCT/JP2005/001809 which claimed a priority date of 17 February 2004 and designated the United States. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 25 August 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 17 August 2006.

On 02 August 2006, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee, an English translation of the international application, and a declaration of inventors. The indication in this declaration that inventor Kisuke Nagase is deceased has been treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

On 05 March 2007, a decision was mailed refusing applicants' request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 because the declaration did not include the full name *and citizenship* of the deceased inventor (37 CFR 1.497(a)(3)). The decision also noted that the declaration of inventors was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.69(b) because applicants had not used one of the pre-approved foreign language forms nor had applicants furnished the requisite statement attesting to the accuracy of the translation.

On 29 May 2007, applicants filed the instant "RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PAPERS

UNDER 37 CFR 1.42 AND RENEWED SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.42", which was accompanied by a one-month extension of time and a new declaration of inventors.

## **DISCUSSION**

The submission filed 29 May 2007 has been reviewed and has been found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.42. The declaration filed 29 May 2007 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b). It is also in compliance with 37 CFR 1.69(b) because it is one of the pre-approved foreign language forms.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, the request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 is **ACCEPTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application in accordance with this decision.

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